

Captain James G. Woolway

Commanding Officer NAVAIR Depot North Island CA

Captain James G. Woolway assumed command of Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Depot, North Island, in April, 2003, after serving as its Executive Officer from November, 2001. Born in Los Angeles, California, he is a graduate of Loyola-Marymount University with a degree in business administration.

In February, 1977, he was commissioned through the Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, as an Aeronautical Maintenance Duty Officer. His first assignment was aboard the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63). There he served as Quality Assurance Officer and Ground Support Equipment Division Officer in the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department (AIMD). The Iranian hostage crisis occurred during his second deployment on the USS Kitty Hawk, extending its duration to nine months.

Reporting in 1980 to Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 41 "Shamrocks", the S-3 Viking Fleet Replacement Squadron, Captain Woolway was assigned as Aircraft Division Officer and Maintenance/Material Control Officer (MMCO). During this tour, he obtained a master of science degree in systems management from the University of Southern California.

Returning to sea duty in 1983, his next assignment was Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 21 "Fighting Redtails", which deployed to the Western Pacific aboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65). Positions included MMCO and Assistant Maintenance Officer.

Following a one year shore tour on the staff of Commander, Anti-Submarine Warfare Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Captain Woolway was ordered to USS New Orleans (LPH-11) as the AIMD Officer. Upon completion of overhaul in San Francisco, USS New Orleans deployed to the Western Pacific supporting the embarked Marine Air Combat Element in conducting amphibious operations.

In July 1989, he reported to the Naval Air Systems Command in Washington, D.C., as program manager for the Navy's aircraft weapon control support equipment.

Then selected as AIMD Officer at NAS Moffett Field, Captain Woolway's department provided component repair and on-aircraft support to West Coast P-3 "Orion" squadrons.

Captain Woolway then received orders to Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP) Alameda as Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Implementation Team Manager. He was responsible for relocating all aircraft, engine and component capabilities to other industrial facilities as necessitated by the BRAC 1993 decision to close the depot. Successive positions he held at the NADEP were Director of Operations, Executive Officer and finally as the Officer-In-Charge.

Captain Woolway then transferred to the Air Warfare staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in the Pentagon as the Deputy Director for Aviation Maintenance Programs. Returning to the Fleet in 1999, he was assigned as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer for the Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 gold stars, the Navy Commendation Medal with gold star and the Navy Achievement Medal and numerous other unit citations and campaign medals.

